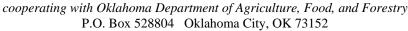
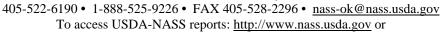
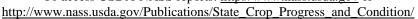
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Weekend Rainfall Gives Wheat Producers Positive Outlook on Planting

Windy and warm weather was prevalent during most of last week. However, many producers were relieved when the weekend rains arrived. Five of the nine districts received over an inch of rain last week although the major wheat producing North Central district only received slightly over one tenth of an inch of rain. Wheat producers in some areas last week could not plant due to wet fields while others in the State did not want to begin planting due to the lack of moisture. Last weekend's rainfall, for those areas that received it, should help wheat producers gear up to begin wheat planting. Temperatures averaged in the low to mid-70's for all districts except the Panhandle which averaged at 69 degrees. Topsoil and subsoil moisture failed to show improvement from last week; however, some of the reports arrived before the weekend rains which influenced the soil moisture categories in the tables below. There were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus			
This Week	31	28	39	2			
Last Week	28	27	41	4			
Last Year	5	22	68	5			

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT							
	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus			
This Week	51	31	18	0			
Last Week	52	31	16	1			
Last Year	10	22	66	2			

Small Grains: Seedbed preparations for wheat were three-fourths complete by week's end as producers continued to make progress with planting. Rye seedings jumped 21 points from last week while oat planting was just beginning at 7 percent. Areas of the State that did not receive decent rainfall were continuing to apply fertilizer to fields in preparation for upcoming planting and hoping for additional moisture to come soon.

Row Crops: Major row crop conditions in the State remained steady from last week with peanut conditions showing slight improvement. Over three-fourths of the corn was mature and over half of the crop was already harvested. Most of the sorghum has headed with three-fourths of it turning color. Twelve percent of the sorghum was harvested. Soybeans at pod set were 6 points behind normal with harvest 3 points behind normal at 19 percent. Nearly half of the peanuts were mature. Bolls were opening on 39 percent of the cotton which was 13 points behind normal.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT							
Week Ending September 17, 2006							
	Very Poor	Excellent					
Peanuts	1	12	41	43	3		
Cotton	23	32	29	16	0		
Sorghum	12	19	29	29	11		
Soybeans	33	29	28	9	1		

Hay: Alfalfa and other hay conditions showed little improvement from last week. Fourth cuttings of alfalfa were slowly making progress at 79 percent with fifth cuttings at 17 percent, 19 points behind normal. Other hay second cuttings showed little movement at 63 percent, 14 points behind normal.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT							
Week Ending September 17, 2006							
	Very Poor Poor Fair Good Exceller						
Alfalfa	26	32	25	15	2		
Other Hay	36	35	18	9	2		

Miscellaneous Commodities: Pecan conditions were mostly fair to poor. Pecan nut set was rated as light to average.

Pasture and Range The recent rains in the State have continued to help green pastures. However, the shorter days and cooler temperatures may hamper additional growth. Pasture and range conditions remained mostly in the poor to very poor range.

Livestock: Livestock conditions showed improvement from last week but remained mostly in the fair to poor range. Livestock marketings were average with light to moderate insect activity. Feeder steers under 800 pounds averaged \$124.00 per cwt. and feeder heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$115.88 per cwt.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT							
Week Ending September 17, 2006							
Very Poor Poor Fair Good Exc							
Livestock	5	30	49	13	3		
Pasture & Range	35	30	25	9	1		

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS

Week Ending September 17, 2006 Last This This Last 5 - Yr Last Last 5 - Yr Item Item Week Week Week Year Week Year Avg. Avg. Wheat -Soybeans -95 94 76 85 80 Seedbed Prepared 66 86 Setting Pods 88 Planted 19 21 26 Mature 41 34 44 46 18 Harvested 19 8 22 Rye -Seedbed Prepared 86 69 85 88 Peanuts -Planted 40 40 Mature 43 45 51 45 24 48 Oats -Cotton -**Bolls Opening** Seedbed Prepared 39 29 39 65 62 63 64 52 Planted N/A 2 8 Alfalfa -4th Cutting Corn -79 76 95 83 5th Cutting Mature 77 65 78 77 17 11 55 36 Harvested 56 50 46 49 Other Hay -2nd Cutting 77 Sorghum -60 74 63 Headed 94 92 94 95 71 63 72 74 Colored Mature 31 26 31 43 25 12 7 Harvested 17

Weather for Week Ending September 17, 2006: Temperatures ranged from 37 degrees at Boise City on Sunday, September 17th to 97 degrees at Antlers on Saturday, September 16th. Precipitation averaged 0.09 inches in the Panhandle district to 1.43 inches in the East Central district. Soil temperatures averaged 66 degrees at Apache on Sunday, September 17th to 87 degrees at Durant on Monday, September 11th.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA

Week Ending September 17, 2006

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	Temperature			Precipitation				
Districts		High Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2006 to September 17, 2006			
	High				Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal	
	Degrees	Degrees	Degrees	Inches	Inches	Inches	Inches	
Panhandle	81	57	69	0.09	1.12	0.05	105	
West Central	84	61	72	0.23	1.29	-0.42	75	
Southwest	85	61	72	1.30	2.81	0.89	146	
North Central	85	59	72	0.11	0.79	-0.98	45	
Central	86	59	72	1.37	2.03	-0.30	87	
South Central	88	61	74	0.97	1.53	-0.93	62	
Northeast	85	57	71	1.35	1.50	-1.21	55	
East Central	85	59	72	1.43	1.72	-1.09	61	
Southeast	88	59	73	1.29	1.47	-1.12	57	

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